Subsidy on Power

1011. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power in India is highly subsidised in comparison to other developing countries;

(b) if so, what are the rates of subsidy allowed for supply of power in different section;

(c) what is the total cost of subsidy on power in a year;

(d) whether the World Bank has suggested abolition of subsidy on power supply; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government reaction therto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) On all-India basis, the average realisation per unit sold to the agricultural sector during 1991-92 was about 12.58 paise/kwh against the average cost of 120.30 paise/kwh for generation and supply. In the case of domestic supply, the average realisation worked out to only 69.65 paise/kwh. On an average, the rate of revenue realised from all sectors put together, during 1991-92 worked out to about 96.9 paise/kwh only, which entailed a subsidy of 23.40 paise/kwh approximately.

(d) and (e) World Bank has suggested levy of tariff based on Long-Run Marginal Cost (LRMC). Under the provisions of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, SEBs are required to adjust their tariff so as to ensure a surplus of three per cent of the value of fixed assets at the beginning of the Financial Year.

Government's reaction to Tamil Nadu SEB's proposal to import Coal

1012. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Electricity Board proposes to import million tonnes of coal for its power plant involving an expenditure of Rs. 275 crores in foreign exchange despite the fact that there has been steady increase in supply of coal by the Coal India Ltd.; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board is importing 2 million tonnes of coal to maintain adequate stock of good quality coal to ensure uninterrupted generation of power.

विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए मशीनों की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने हेतु संयुक्त बैठक

1013. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिये मशीनों आदि की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने हेतु परियोजनाओं के प्राधिकारियों और प्रमुख निर्माताओं के बीच संयुक्त बैठक आयोजित की जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत वर्ष के संबंध में परियोजनावार ब्यौरा क्या है और प्रत्येक परियोजना के संबंध में कितनी-कितनी बैठकें आयोजित की गयीं; और

(ग) उन विभागीय मसलों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन पर बैठक में चर्चा